

## CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) Modular framework used to mould concrete test blocks, characterized in that it is composed of two identical modular semi-shells (2) obtained from moulding suitable plastic materials, with each semi-shell (2) being formed of two vertical borders (3) positioned at 90° built on the catheti of a lower horizontal triangular wall (4), each of them having vertical ribs (5) in external position on the free edges (3a), ~~preferably~~ each semi-shell being provided with a lower tapered end (5a), it being provided that one of the vertical ribs (5) is tightened to the adjacent identical rib (5) of the opposite semi-shell (2) by means of a special rectilinear joint (6) with ~~suitable~~ transversal cross-section and frontally provided with two longitudinal wings (6a) symmetrically folded one ~~against the other~~ towards the other which can be exactly matched with the adjacent ribs (5) by sliding from below upwards, so that the longitudinal wings (6a) can engage with the back of the ribs (5).

Claim 2 (original) Framework as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the rectilinear joint (6) has a monolithic structure obtained from moulding suitable plastic materials.

Claim 3 (previously submitted) Framework as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the rectilinear joint (6) has a rear perpendicular gripping plug (6b).

Claim 4 (original) Framework as defined in claim 1, characterized in that each semi-shell (2) has a top flat stiffening edge (2a) with an appendix (2b) that projects outwards in the connection point between the two 90° borders (3).